(d) Summary trial in special courts.

(e) Supply and production scenarious have now changed.

(f) Seizure of all items rather than only those items in respect of which contravention of the Act has occurred.

The matter regarding further extension of the term of Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981 is presently under consideration of the Government.

Dissemination of consumer education

4628. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to sate:

(a) what steps Government have taken for the intensive campaign to make consumers aware of their rights and to spread consumer education among the masses in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to encourage consumer organisations in the country for their active indulgence in building consumer awareness among the masses;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to render financial assistance and grants to such consumer organisations;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to make use of Doordarshan and All India Radio for the consumer awareness in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) Some of the steps taken by Government to promote a strong and broad-based consumer movement in the country are:

(i) grant of financial assistance to consumer organisations;

(ii) publication and free distribution of literature in the field of consumer protection;

(iii) publication of quarterly journal Upabhokta Jagaran' and its free distribution to libraries and consumer organisations etc.;

(iv) preparation of audio visual material in consultation with Films Division of India and DAVP and its telecast on Doordarshan;

(v) institution of two national awards for the youths and consumer organisations working in the field of consumer protection;

(vi) conducting of training programmes for consumer organisations on regional basis; and

(vii) observance of Consumer Day on 15th March every year.

(e) and (f) Doordarshan telecasts a regular programme entitled 'Sanrakshan Upabhokta Ka' from Delhi Kendra on every Monday at 7.30 p.m. A weekly programme 'Apne Adhikar' is broadcast on all the commercial broadcasting stations of AIR. Besides various programmes are being telecast in Women's Programmes Programme for Rural Viewers, 'Jan Chetna' etc. on consumer education. Audio visual spots/captions on consumer education are also shown frequently.

Quota of edible oils and sugar to Bihar

4629. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bihar is being issued less quota of edible oils and sugar in comparison with